

RANDOM SHOTS

Possibly our sense of humor is distorted, but the following from the pen of a Bryan admirer and printed in W. J. B.'s Commoner, strikes us as one of the richest bits we have come across in years:

"I hope and trust to the good Lord above us all that some time yet in the future Mr. Bryan will be elected to the high office of president of the United States; then with all the purity and goodness that he possesses he will cause this land of ours to be a heaven on earth so to speak."

The writer's name was given as J. H. Kentner of Texas. It's a case of a longhorn drawing the long bow.

Mr. Bryan is, of course, unable to prevent his admirers from thinking these things about him; he cannot stop them from writing and using the United States mails, but really, he isn't forced to print this sort of slush.

We move that the word "gladsome" be stricken from the dictionaries. There's no chance for a democrat to be gladsome for at least four years.

We're looking for the editor of the Hyannis Tribune to be shot or run out of town. This is what the brute printed, and you may interpret it in any way you like:

"The Tribune is unable this week to authentically announce any weddings for the near future but—unless all signs fail in pleasant weather—there will be a large demand for baby cabs in the springtime."

Senator Perry Reed is the sole and only member of the senate committee on employes, and every job hunter must get Reed's endorsement or go without a job. The State Journal says he has special training for the place, having been superintendent of the swine exhibit at the last state fair.

A Community Coal Bin.
Too many people seem to have the idea that the home of "ye editor" is a sort of a Christmas tree and run on the cafeteria style at that. We take this means of informing them to the contrary, for while we may be like "Santa Clause," Christmas comes but once a year. And while we like to be as accommodating as possible, we feel we

must draw the line somewhere and if those persons need any more coal they had better buy it for we believe we are just good enough shot to cause them to spend some time in vainly regretting that they were not equipped with sheet iron trousers.—Ansley Herald.

"Ole," the schoolma'am, says that she can keep a secret, all right, but the people she tells it to can't.

Says the Antioch News, speaking of a subscriber who has paid up: "He is an honored worker in the Odd Fellows lodge and attends church when more important household duties do not demand his attention." Shucks, we go to church that often.

Three of the boys in the composing room swore off smoking this week, and each agreed that the one who first returned to the use of the noxious weed should pay twenty-five snacks apiece to the other two. This morning the youngest one fell from grace, but he refuses to pay on the ground that they didn't catch him at it. Now they're shadowing him day and night.

One of the best stories of last week is told on City Attorney Metz, who a few weeks ago made a great hit as manager for Matiffiff, the Persian mystic, at the Elks minstrel. When Councilman Johnson ask Mr. Metz his opinion of the legality of the city manager election, the city attorney put on his legal air and said, with dignity and emphasis: "Gentlemen, I'm not prepared to say, without looking the matter up further. Offhand, I am of the opinion it was perfectly legal. However, I am frank in saying that it will take, not days, but weeks to look it up." And from a far corner of the room came a voice, reminiscent of the Elks minstrel: "He never fails! He never fails!"

William Newman of Yale Siding, whose right eye was injured a few days ago when struck by a nail, will not lose the sight of either, as had been feared by the attending physician. He is making a good recovery.

If you have been waiting for beauty work, make an appointment soon. The parlor opens Thursday of this week. 15

AT THE CHURCHES

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES
The Baptist women's society will meet at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. F. Corp, 516 Niabrara.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES
The ladies' aid society will meet at Mrs. Oscar O'Bannon's home at 401 Emerson ave., Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. E. A. Gilbert will act as hostess. As this is the monthly birthday meeting, all those having birthdays in the month of January are especially invited. A very pleasant afternoon is being planned and all members and friends of the church are invited.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES
The ladies' auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. J. L. Overman, 604 Platte, on Wednesday afternoon. Roll call, helpful household hints.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH NOTES
St. Matthew's guild will meet on Wednesday at the parish house. Mrs. Marvin Dickinson will act as hostess. The Sewing Circle will meet with Mrs. Barnett this week.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NOTES
The ladies' circle will meet Wednesday afternoon at the Christian church. Everyone remember to bring thimbles and crochet hooks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Harper left Monday night for Denver on a business trip.

FAIR ASSOCIATION HELD ITS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Box Butte county fair association was held in the city hall Saturday night. A large number were present. The secretary gave a report of receipts and expenditures for the last year which showed all the lots and twenty-nine shares of stock sold, and an indebtedness of \$639, the balance due for lumber on new barns built last June for the races. The chamber of commerce expects to take care of that by the sale of some more of the stock, which will leave the association out of debt, and with twenty-

seven acres and improvements. There were a number of farmers present and there was some discussion in regard to holding a fair next fall. The following officers and board of directors were elected for the ensuing year: L. H. Highland, president; C. A. Newberry, vice president; W. E. Spencer, treasurer. Directors are: F. E. Reddish, A. H. Grove, J. A. Hunter, L. J. Schill, H. P. Coursey, A. D. Rodgers, W. E. Spencer, J. A. Keegan, W. C. Mounts, C. A. Newberry, J. W. Guthrie, L. H. Highland, C. E. Clough, John O'Keefe and E. T. Kibble.

YOUNG MAN WAS GIVEN A STIFF FINE FOR INTOXICATION

Gladstone Spencer, an Alliance youth, drew a fine of \$50 and costs in county court yesterday morning. Judge Tash assessed the maximum penalty when he pleaded guilty to a charge of intoxication. Following the trial, Judge Tash informed him of his rights under the prohibition enforcement laws of the state and told him that if he would divulge the name of the person from whom he had purchased the liquor, the fine would be permitted. Young Spencer elected to pay the fine.

Last Friday evening, at the basketball game, two or three young men appeared at the high school gymnasium in a state of hilarious intoxication. Spencer was perhaps the worst of the lot. He had hardly gained his seat than he began to cut up, and his efforts ended by his being ejected from the building, after he had struck Professor W. R. Pate, and damaged the eye of W. E. Spencer, who was a volunteer assistant in the ejection. Barnes, the wrestler, assisted in getting him under control.

Spencer was arrested by Sheriff Miller Sunday afternoon, and spent the night in the county bastille.

Mrs. A. G. Smart has been spending the past week with friends in Colorado Springs.

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FOR RENT—Two light housekeeping rooms, modern. 215 Yellowstone. Phone 529. 15tf

SUSPECT IN ROBBERY IS FINED AS VAGABOND

The discovery on Tuesday morning of last week of articles missing from King's Corner, together with the finding of several loose boards on a bank window of that place led to the arrest of Joe Thomas, who says he is from Bayard, recently an inhabitant of Alliance because he was not particularly wanted in the former city.

A sweater of peculiar shade, belonging to the porter at King's Corner, was taken, together with \$3.00 or \$4.00 in pennies. The sweater was found in the possession of Thomas, but he maintains he bought it of a store in Denver. The garment was identified by its color and an odd shaped hole in one of the sleeves.

Thomas was first taken to County Attorney Lee Basye who gave it as his opinion there was not sufficient evidence to prosecute him for the theft of the sweater. The prisoner was then charged with being a vagabond, fined, and is now engaged in working out the fine.

Thomas explains his departure from Bayard by claiming that he squealed on some Mexican bootleggers there and was warned by the judge that he had better leave Bayard or he would be in danger of his life. In his possessions were found several cancelled checks on Bayard banks, together with a letter from Huyler Brothers of the same place advising him that he "better shake it in and square up his check before it was too late."

DR. BOWMAN—office in First National Bank Building. 8tf

IMPERIAL'S NEW ORGAN NOW BEING INSTALLED

The new pipe organ for the Imperial arrived Monday, and the work of installation of the new instrument began Tuesday morning. It is hoped to have the first public concert on Lincoln day, February 12. The present organ will remain in use while the new one is being placed.

The new organ will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000 and the work of installation will take three men twenty-five days. The instrument has every attachment that a pipe organ can have, and is of the class that is ordinarily to be found only in the large cities. The nearest one is in Des Moines, Ia., and machines of the same model are in the Majestic theatre in New York City and the Rivoli in Los Angeles, as well as in a Chicago theatre. The organ that the Imperial will have will be more modern than that in the Isis in Denver.

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MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The following have been selected for the membership council of the Alliance chamber of commerce, and will meet with the board of directors once a month to discuss all matters pertaining to the betterment of the commercial and social conditions of the city:

- From the Rotary club—Fred W. Harris, Dr. J. P. Maxfield.
- Woman's club—Mrs. S. W. Thompson, Mrs. J. A. Mallory.
- Volunteer Firemen—Dr. G. J. Hand, P. E. Romig.
- Labor organizations—H. D. Hacker, George E. Davis.

The first meeting of the membership council was held last evening, at which time they discussed the proposed welfare ordinance, the problem of sewage disposal and the vocational night school.

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN ALLIANCE

HARRY E. ROSETTA
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I have had fifteen years experience; am a graduate of the Los Angeles school and make a specialty of western grown shrubbery. I furnish all stock. I have the latest designs in animals, birds, monograms, fancy figures. I do all my own grafting of shrubbery and carry a full line of trees, shrubs, vines, plants, grafted roots, lilacs, etc., growing two to four different blooms on the same bush—something beautiful. I also have the famous Jap blue grass. It looks like a velvet carpet and is a deep rooted grass that stays green all summer and does not winter kill. I make all fancy designs and guarantee my stock to grow and Alliance needs me. I am here to stay. Let me make an examination of your soil, draw a sketch free of charge and show you what can be made of your lawn. I also carry a full line of house and garden plants. See me now for your spring work. I can make your place just as nice as any home in California. I oversee all my planting and the care of same for the summer. Can give the best of references from Denver, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, Colorado Springs and Des Moines, Iowa. No Job too large or too small. Phone 716 or call 124 1/2 Box Butte avenue, Room 1. Yours for a better home, HARRY E. ROSETTA. 14tf

RAILROAD NOTES

Blacksmith Tommy Griffin has resigned and is leaving soon for New Mexico, where he will take up a position as blacksmith.

Fireman Charles Cole left Saturday for Denver where he expects to stay for some time.

Fireman Van Skikes is on the sick list this week.

T. E. Paradise, assistant superintendent of motive power, was in Alliance Monday.

and Sanders was in Denver last week.

Traveling Agent J. J. Waddell and Trainmaster J. B. Denton returned from Ravenna where they have been holding Book of Rule school.

Charles Darveau, stationary fireman, is on the sick list this week.

James McConnelly left for Chicago on account of the illness of a relative. Mrs. W. W. Kennedy returned from Glencross, Wyo., this week.

Troy Sanders went to Omaha Saturday for a few days.

J. L. Waggoner went to Edgemont Sunday for a special welding job.

Engineer Joe Bogan, who has been holding a turn at Deadwood returned to Alliance this week.

Fireman Don Garrison was in Alliance one day last week.

Hostler Clarence Wheeler and wife are spending a few days in Denver.

George Nation spent a couple of days in Denver last week.

Tom Carroll is spending a few days in Denver this week.

Boiler-maker H. H. Blume is on the sick list this week.

John Weber is leaving this week for St. Louis.

W. R. Mullane left the latter part of the week for Edgemont, where he will again take up his duties as an electrician.

J. J. Ryan expects to leave soon for Master Mechanic Irwin spent a few days in Lincoln on company business last week.

Engine 4104, oil burner, will go into Havelock this week for general repairs.

Miss Mary Cusick who formerly worked in the yard office is in Alliance for a few days on her way home to Newcastle after attending school in Denver.

THE BEST WATCH REPAIRING

Our facilities for repairing watches leave nothing more to be desired on your part.

The work is done by a highly skilled watchmaker on a basis that makes it to his interests to do his best work, and carefully inspect it before calling the job finished.

Standard parts and materials are used. The market has none better. Prices are based on actual cost to allow us a very reasonable profit and be downright economy for you.

We want your repair work, and make it worth your while to bring it to us.

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Announcing the Opening of--
The Fern Garden
of The Alliance Hotel, on
Saturday, January 22nd

There will be dancing and refreshments on Alliance's finest dance floor. Special decorations have been arranged for, to give our patrons a delightfully pleasant evening's entertainment. You'll be pleased with the music, too, in the

Alliance Hotel Orchestra

Under the Personal Management of "Billy" Ackerman of Bridgeport

Music Starts at 8:30 --:--:-- Don't Overlook an Evening Like This

NOTHING HAS BEEN SPARED TO MAKE
The Fern Garden
ATTRACTIVE

The finest dance floor obtainable has been laid, together with special appropriate decorations will make THE FERN GARDEN doubly attractive to both younger and older sets.

This room is available for any occasion where banqueting and dancing may be combined. Private receptions, organization dinners, etc., will find it ideal.

A DINNER EXTRAORDINARY IN THE
Palm Room
Sunday, Jan. 23

from 5:30 to 8:30—\$1.25 per Plate

A Special Shipment from Seattle, Washington, of

Alaskan Reindeer

will be served to our Alliance patrons.

Special Music

The above extra special dinner will be in addition to the Special Sunday Dinner. Patrons may choose either.

THE ALLIANCE HOTEL

J. M. MILLER, Proprietor

Imperial Theater

Tonight, Tuesday 18/
J. Warren Kerrigan
and his own company in

THE JOYOUS LIAR
USUAL COMEDY
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Wednesday, Jan. 19
Alice Joyce
—in—

"THE SPORTING DUCHESS"
USUAL COMEDY
Regular Admission

Thursday, Jan. 20th
"GO AND GET IT"
—Special—